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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: FOREIGN AGRICULTURE SERVICE FSLE ELLINI

REF: (A) STATE 128715; (B) TEHRAN 4976

1. RSO IS REQUESTED TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGATIONS THAT ELLINI: (A) INVOLVED IN KICKBACKS FOR VISA SERVICES RENDERED; (B) INVOLVED IN CONFLICT OF INTEREST ON ACCOUNT PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT WITH AMERICAN FARM PRODUCTS INTERNATIONAL, INC.

2. ALTHOUGH ALLEGATIONS ORIGINATED BY ANONYMOUS SOURCE, AGATTACHE FEREE APPARENTLY HAS SOME KNOWLEDGE OF MATTER. SEE TEHRAN 5526 AND TEHRAN 5707.

3. SUGGEST ENG. BINA, IDENTIFIED IN TEHRAN 5707, BE INTERVIEWED IF APPROPRIATE TO DETERMINE ELLINI'S POSSIBLE OUTSIDE INVOLVEMENT WITH AFPI.

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4. TEHRAN 5707 ALSO MENTIONS FAS CHAUFFEUR REGULARLY CASHING CHECKS FOR ELLINI. INQUIRE AS TO WHETHER ANY OF THESE CHECKS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY FROM AFPI. FOR WHAT SERVICES IS ELLINI RECEIVING CHECKS FROM OTHER FIRMS?

5. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE ANTICIPATING ELLINI MAY BE IN

WASHINGTON ON 7/17/77 TO SERVE AS INTERPRETER. THEY WOULD LIKE AS MUCH INFO AS POSSIBLE FOR PROBABLE CONFRONTATION TYPE INTERVIEW HERE AT THAT TIME.

6. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE IS PREPARED TO SEND INVESTIGATOR TO TEHRAN IF ASSISTANCE NEEDED. NOTIFY SY/SAS IMMEDIATELY IF THAT ACTION DESIRED.

7. ABOVE SUGGESTIONS SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AS LIMITING SCOPE OF INVESTIGATION.

8. IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT ALLEGATIONS MAY NOT BE RESOLVED IN SHORT TIME SPAN. IMMEDIATE CABLE PRIOR TO 7/17 SHOULD PROVIDE DETAILS OF OUTSIDE INCOME, LIFESTYLE, ETC. WHICH MAY BE HELPFUL TO INTERVIEWERS IN WASHINGTON. VANCE

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